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USS ROBERT E. PEARY (FF 1073)
COMMAND HISTORY-1975

1. (U) Command Organization. Commander Michael J. SCHNEIDER, USN, commanded USS ROBERT E. PEARY throughout 1975.

2. (C) Summary of Operations, 1975

1 JAN - 17 MAR-----In port, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
17-20 MAR-----Underway, Hawaiian Local OPAREAS.
20-31 MAR-----In port, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
31 MAR - 5 APR-----Underway, Hawaiian Local OPAREA, Pacific
Missile Range.
5-9 APR-----In port, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
9-11 APR-----Underway, Hawaiian Local OPAREAS.
11-14 APR-----In port, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
14-19 APR-----Underway, Hawaiian Local OPAREAS.
19 APR - 20 MAY-----In port, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
20 MAY-----Underway, Hawaiian Local OPAREA, FORACS Range.
20-22 MAY-----In port, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
22-23 MAY-----Underway, Hawaiian Local OPAREAS, "MINI-REFTRA".
23-28 MAY-----In port, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
28 MAY - 1 JUN-----Underway, Hawaiian Local OPAREAS, In Company
USS KITTY HAWK.
1-4 JUN-----In Port, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
4-19 JUN-----Underway, en route Subic Bay, Republic of
the Philippines In Company USS KITTY HAWK.
11 JUN-----Changed Operational Control to Commander, U.S.
Seventh Fleet.
19 JUN - 1 JUL-----In port, Subic Bay, RP.
1-11 JUL-----Underway, South China Sea OPAREAS, In Company
USS KITTY HAWK.
11-15 JUL-----In port, Subic Bay, RP.
15-19 JUL-----Underway, en route Apra Harbor, Guam, Marianas.
19 JUL - 9 AUG-----In port, Apra Harbor, Guam, Marianas.
9-16 AUG-----Underway, en route Subic Bay, RP.
13-14 AUG-----Conducted typhoon evasion.
16-18 AUG-----In port, Subic Bay, RP.
18-26 AUG-----Underway, South China Sea OPAREAS, In Company
USS KITTY HAWK.
26-29 AUG-----In port, Subic Bay, RP.
29 AUG - 5 SEP-----Underway, South China Sea OPAREAS.
5-9 SEP-----In port, Lingayen, RP.
9-10 SEP-----Underway, en route Subic Bay, RP.
10-18 SEP-----In port, Subic Bay, RP.
18 SEP - 2 OCT-----Underway, South China Sea OPAREAS, In Company
USS KITTY HAWK.
24-26 SEP-----Rendered assistance to distressed ship.
2-9 OCT-----In port, Subic Bay, RP.
9-17 OCT-----Underway, en route Yokosuka, Japan In Company
USS KITTY HAWK.

17-20 OCT-----In port, Yokosuka, Japan.
 20-22 OCT-----Underway, en route Buckner Bay, Okinawa.
 22 OCT-----In port, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.
 22-24 OCT-----Underway, en route Subic Bay, RP.
 24-27 OCT-----In port, Subic Bay, RP.
 27-28 OCT-----Underway, South China Sea OPAREAS, conducting
 OPPE.
 28 OCT - 3 NOV-----In port, Subic Bay, RP.
 3-5 NOV-----Underway, en route Hong Kong, British Crown
 Colony.
 5-10 NOV-----In port, Hong Kong, BCC, fulfilling duties as
 SOPA ADMIN, Hong Kong.
 10-17 NOV-----Underway, en route Subic Bay, RP.
 17-19 NOV-----In port, Subic Bay, RP.
 19-25 NOV-----Underway, South China Sea OPAREAS, participating
 in MULTIPLEX/MISSILEX exercises.
 25 NOV - 2 DEC-----In port, Subic Bay, RP.
 2-6 DEC-----Underway, en route Sasebo, Japan.
 6-8 DEC-----In port, Sasebo, Japan.
 8 DEC-----Underway, en route Pusan, Korea.
 8-11 DEC-----In port, Pusan, Korea.
 11-14 DEC-----Underway, en route Kaohsiung, Republic of China.
 14-17 DEC-----In port, Kaohsiung, ROC.
 17-20 DEC-----Underway, Korean OPAREAS, participating in ASW
 exercises with various units of the ROC Navy.
 20-22 DEC-----In port, Kaohsiung, ROC.
 22-23 DEC-----Underway, en route Subic Bay, RP.
 23-31 DEC-----In port, Subic Bay, RP.

A. ROBERT E. PEARY began the year 1975 in port Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard installing the Basic Point Defense Missile System (BPDMS). Installation was completed on 17 March at which time ROBERT E. PEARY began bi-weekly operations in the Hawaiian Local Operations Areas, successfully test-firing both the BPDMS and ASROC Systems on 2 April.

B. ROBERT E. PEARY continued bi-weekly operations into April, conducting condition watch training/engineering casualty control drills. Following a 30 day UPKEEP (19 APR-20 MAY), ROBERT E. PEARY successfully completed a two-day "Mini-Refresher Training" exercise, administered by Commander Destroyer Squadron THIRTY-FIVE.

C. On 28 May, ROBERT E. PEARY began her first task-group operations in 14 months, operating in the Hawaiian Local Operation areas with USS KITTY HAWK. While underway ROBERT E. PEARY was responsible for the rescue of a downed F-4 pilot. ROBERT E. PEARY entered port in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on 1 June for a pre-deployment stand-down period.

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D. On 4 June, ROBERT E. PEARY departed Pearl Harbor, en route Subic Bay, RP, and her second Western Pacific deployment, changing operational control from Commander U.S. Third Fleet to Commander U.S. Seventh Fleet on 11 June, and arriving in Subic Bay, RP on 19 June. Following two weeks in port Subic Bay and two weeks operating with USS KITTY HAWK, ROBERT E. PEARY transited independently to Apra Harbor, Guam, Marianas, for a three-week shipyard availability. ROBERT E. PEARY rejoined USS KITTY HAWK at sea on 18 August. Remaining at sea with USS KITTY HAWK until 26 August, and also participating and qualifying in Naval Gunfire Support exercises at Tabones Island, RP from 19-20 August.

E. Following a three-day port visit in Subic Bay, RP, ROBERT E. PEARY proceeded North to Lingayen, RP, for a four day port call; the first U.S. Naval unit to visit Lingayen in over 25 years. ROBERT E. PEARY returned to Subic Bay, RP on 10 September. She continued carrier task group operations on 18 September with USS KITTY HAWK. On 24 September, ROBERT E. PEARY was detached to proceed on a search and rescue mission. The distressed vessel, carrying 15 Vietnamese refugees, was located on 25 September and assistance was rendered. As the vessel was still very seaworthy, and no further assistance was required, ROBERT E. PEARY returned to carrier task group operations on 26 September.

F. 9 October saw ROBERT E. PEARY underway with USS KITTY HAWK, en route Yokosuka, Japan. Following a three day port call (17-20 OCT), ROBERT E. PEARY was detached to return to Subic Bay, RP on 24 October, stopping in Buckner Bay, Okinawa to refuel (22 OCT). ROBERT E. PEARY successfully completed the Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE) on 28 October followed by a five day shipyard availability in Subic Bay, RP.

G. On 3 November, ROBERT E. PEARY got underway for a five day port visit to Hong Kong, BCC (5-10 NOV). Upon returning to sea, she participated in anti-submarine (ASW) exercises, and then returned to Subic Bay, RP on 17 November. From 19-25 November, ROBERT E. PEARY participated in a multiple-threat and missile exercise in the South China Sea, in company with various U.S. Naval units.

H. On 2 December, ROBERT E. PEARY began a "Northern Cruise," transiting to Sasebo, Japan (6-8 DEC) and Pusan, Korea (8-11 DEC) for port visits. ROBERT E. PEARY then proceeded to Kaohsiung, Republic of China, for a three day port visit (11-14 DEC) followed by her participation as the only U.S. Naval unit in a joint United States-Republic of China anti-submarine warfare exercise. This exercise was followed by another three day port visit in Kaohsiung and ROBERT E. PEARY's return to Subic Bay, RP on 23 December, where she stayed for the remainder of 1975.

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3. (C) SPECIAL TOPICS

A. Installation of the Basic Point Defense Missile System (BPDMS) was completed on 17 March, thereby giving ROBERT E. PEARY an increased defensive anti air warfare capability.

B. ROBERT E. PEARY carried Commander Destroyer Squadron THIRTY-FIVE's Battle Efficiency "E" throughout 1975.

C. Although ROBERT E. PEARY is LAMPS helicopter configured, no LAMPS detachment was assigned during 1975.